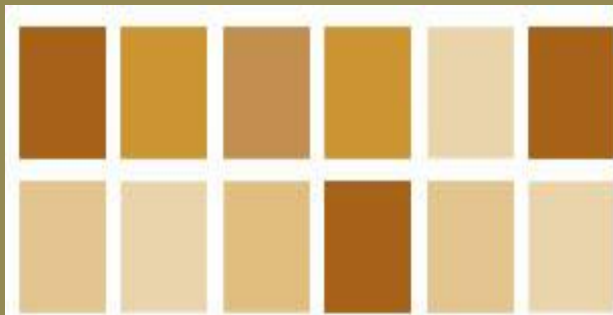




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INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS

International Adoption Agency

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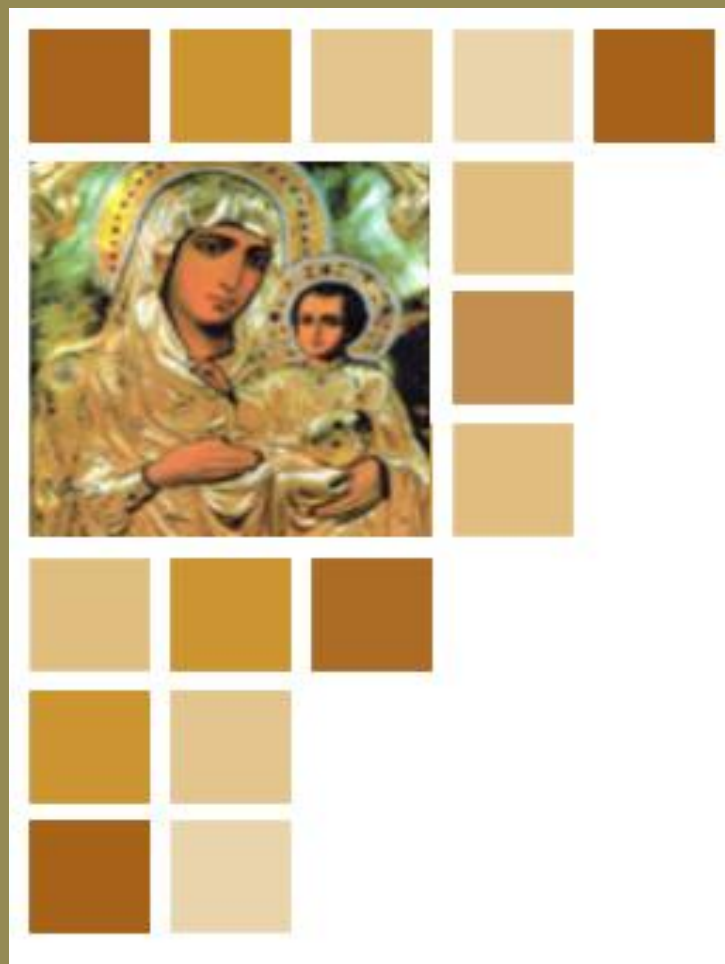
Saint Mary International Adoptions connects children from Poland and Bulgaria with married couples and single women in all fifty states who wish to build their families through international adoption. We welcome you to learn about us by reading the information on this site. We offer our services for Polish International Adoptions and Bulgarian International Adoptions.

The founder and president, Lina Ratcheva, PhD, is a strong Christian woman who embraces Christian principles in the agency's daily operations. The president's son, Nick, MBA, who is the Operations Manager takes pleasure in the opportunity to make St. Mary's parents' lives easier by providing personalized, easy-to-follow-instructions.

We are very pleased to announce that we have been HAGUE ACCREDITED by COA and we are in the Department of State's list of Hague Accredited Agencies.

Saint Mary International Adoptions, is the primary provider for the country programs listed on the agency's website. This means that Saint Mary's does not use the services of any other US primary providers while delivering its adoptions services from these countries.

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We invite you to start learning more about our Polish adoption program. As you read below, please keep in mind that this is an overview and that upon your request, we will email you additional information.

Then, if you like, you can speak to one of our social workers with specific questions which you may have.

Also before you read further, please be aware that when we refer to the “dossier”, we mean “the pile of documents” that you will prepare with our help and submit to Poland before being matched.

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION – BULGARIA

THE CHILDREN FROM BULGARIA

The children available for adoption in Bulgaria are typically between 2 and 7 or older. The majority of children are Caucasian with olive complexion and darker hair and eyes. The children are in Bulgarian orphanages.

HOW LONG WILL THE PROCESS TAKE?

Once the Dossier is completed, the agency sends it to its Bulgarian representative for translation and authentication and then the dossier is submitted to the Ministry of Justice (Bulgarian Central Authority) for registration. The Ministry registers the candidates within 2 – 3 months following the dossier submission, and then the waiting period for the family begins. The waiting time for a referral may vary between 1 and 3 years. This is an approximation, but our representatives inform us that longer waiting periods (2 – 3 years) are for children who are between the ages of 2 and 5. For children between ages of 5 and 9, the waiting time is up to 1 year.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST

The fees for an adoption in Bulgaria is approximately \$21,000 plus € 8,000 including agency fees, application fees, and international fees.

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